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WIRES (ALL WIRES CARRIED NEWS CONFERENCE)

REUTERS

ROY GUTMAN FROM ST. GEORGES

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THAT HIS CALL FOR A GREATER
COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS HAD GREATLY RAISED THE
SENSITIVITY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATIONS TO THE ISSUE.
BUT HE CONCEDED THAT THE REAL SHORT TERM RESULT WAS MIXED.

OTHER POINTS THE SECRETARY MADE AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE:
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--SECRETARY WAS SATISFIED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS DOMINATED
OPENING DAYS OF THE OAS;

--SOME COUNTRIES HAD IMPROVED THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD OR
PROMISED TO DO SO IN THE FUTUR BUT OTHERS HAD NOT IMPROVED
OR REGRESSED SO RECORD WAS MIXED;

--ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAD COMPLICATED FOREIGN POLICY,
BUT THIS WAS NOT IMPORTANT ISSUE - IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS
THAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION;
--IN REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENTS OF CONSERVATIVE REGIMES -
TERRORISM WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH
BUT COUNTERTERRORISM WAS WRONG SOLUTION.

--PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT POSSIBLE BY THE END OF THE SUMMER
BUT SECRETARY NOT SURE THERE WERE ENOUGH VOTES IN SENATE
TO RATIFY; SECRETARY HOPED BY RATIFICATION TIME WE WOULD
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN CLEARLY TO AMERICAN PEOPLE WHY
AGREEMENT WAS IN US INTERESTS;

--SPAIN'S MOVE FROM AUTHORITARIAN RULE TO ELECTIONS WAS A
MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL ACT AND A TRIBUTE TO JUAN CARLOS.

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NO BYLINE FROM GRANADA

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THAT AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE OAS WAS THE BEST WAY TO MAKE
PROGRESS IN A HEMISPHERE POCKMARKED WITH VIOLATORS OF
HUMAN LIBERTIES .

OTHER POINTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE:

--FRANK DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WAS THE IMPORTANT
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THING; IT HAD RESULTED IN PROGRESS AT OAS MEETING AND
THAT PROGRESS WOULD CONTINUE;

--COLOMBIA INTRODUCED RESOLUTION MAKING IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MANDATORY;

--SECRETARY'S STRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS CAME UNDER CONTINUING
ATTACK FROM CONSERVATIVE MILITARY REGIMES WHO CITED NEED
TO CONTROL TERRORISM;

--TERRORISM WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM THAT HAD TO BE DEALT WITH
BUT COUNTER TERRORISM WAS THE WRONG SOLUTION;

--RE EFFORTS TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS, SECRETARY HAD BEEN
TOLD THAT SOME OAS MEMBERS INTENDED STEPS WHICH WILL IMPROVE
HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED WERE SENSITIVE
TO THE PROBLEM.

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AN WALTE FROM GRAND ANSE

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THE NAMING OF SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT AFFECT RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

OTHER POINTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE:

--ELECTIONS IN SPAIN WERE A MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL FACT FOR WHICH MUCH OF THE CREDIT MUST GO TO JUAN CARLOS;

--DISPITE SOME CRITCISM AT OAS,US FOUND A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS VIEW;

--ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY MUST BE HEARTENED
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BY WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SPAIN.

REUTERS

NO BYLINE FROM ST. GEORGES

LEAD: SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY HE HOPED CONGRESS WOULD REMOVE THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT, WHICH KEEPS THE SOVIET UNION FROM RECEIVING THE MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT IN TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES. BUT HE SAID THAT IN THE PRESENT CLIMATE IN CONGRESS, REPEAL WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

OTHER POINTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY:

--HE WOULD HOPE THAT IN TIME JACKSON-VANIK COULD BE REPEALED;

--TRADE AN UNDERPINING OF US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIPS WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED NEXT YEAR. US SHOULD TRY TO INCREASE TRADE FLOW;

--TODAY WAS BELIEVED TO BE FIRST TIME CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL HAD CALLED FOR REPEAL;

--RE SALT, HE HAD NO IDEA WHETHER AGREEMENT BEFORE OCTOBER POSSIBLE, BUT WE SHOULD NOT FEEL OURSELVES UNDER ANY DEAD-LINE;

--IMPORTANT THING WAS TO REACH SOUND AGREEMENT THAT IS FAIR AND EQUITABLE TO BOTH SIDES AND WHICH WILL BE LASTING AND

NOT HAVE AMBIGUITIES;

--HE HOPED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD
IMPROVE; WE WOULD WORK FOR IMPROVEMENT AND HOPE FOR
RECIPROCATION;
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--BREZHNEV ELECTION WOULD NOT CHANGE WITH US-SOVIET
RELATIONSHIP.
TV
CBS EVENING NEWS

CRONKITE:

THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAS DOMINATED THE ORGANIZATION
OF AMERICAN STATES MEETING IN GRENADA. U.S. SECRETARY
OF STATE VANCE WAS THERE- SAID THE SENSITIVITIES OF MANY
OFFICIALS THERE TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS HAD BEEN GREATLY
RAISED AND HE CALLED THIS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE
AND GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE US
EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS MADE FOREIGN POLICY MORE
COMPLICATED, AS HE PUT IT, HE ADDED - THE IMPORTANT THING
IS STEERING THE RIGHT COURSE.

NO NBC OR ABC

RADIO

DAVID DOW, CBS RADIO, THE WORLD TONIGHT

DOW: IN HIS FORTY-EIGHT HOURS IN GRANADA VANCE TALKED
HUMAN RIGHTS ALMOST AROUND THE CLOCK, SOME OF IT WITH
COUNTRIES MOST UPSET BY US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. HE MET
INDIVIDUALLY WITH DELEGATES FROM VIRTUALLY ALL OTHER TWENTY-
FOUR MEMBER-NATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.
AS HE LEFT THE OAS MEETING TODAY, IT STILL ISN'T CLEAR
WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THE DELEGATES WOULD DO IN SUPPORT OF
HUMAN RIGHTS, - WHETHER THEY WOULD, AS THE US URGED,
STRENGTHEN THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

BUT VANCE TOLD REPORTERS TODAY THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING MAY ALREADY HAVE HAPPENED- HUMAN RIGHTS ARE DOMINAT-
ING DISCUSSIONS, HE SAID, AND SENSITIVITIES OF ALL PARTIES
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HAVE BEEN GREATLY RAISED ON THE MATTER. AS FOR TANGIBLE

RESULTS, HE SAID SOME COUNTRIES UNDER FIRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS - HE DID NOT NAME THEM - HAD TOLD HIM OF PLANS FOR IMPROVING CONDITIONS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE FLEW TO NEARBY TRINIDAD THIS AFTERNOON FOR AN OVERNIGHT VISIT AIMED AT SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THIS NATION'S DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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